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### **NATURAL GAS RATES TO DROP FOR MISSOURI GAS ENERGY CUSTOMERS**

JEFFERSON CITY—To reflect estimated changes in the wholesale cost of natural gas for the remaining winter season, Missouri Gas Energy customers will see natural gas rates drop by approximately 10% under a filing which takes effect on January 10, 2007. MGE's original filing contemplated a January 18, 2007 effective date.

A residential customer currently pays approximately \$0.88 per Ccf (per 100 cubic feet of gas). Under this filing, the rate drop to approximately \$0.79 per Ccf (per 100 cubic feet of gas), a decrease of approximately \$0.09 per Ccf.

Approximately 70% of a customer's natural gas bill reflects the cost of natural gas from wholesale suppliers. The wholesale cost of natural gas (the cost your local natural gas company must pay to its suppliers for natural gas) is not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The wellhead cost of natural gas is unregulated and is primarily driven by supply, demand and the weather. The Missouri Public Service Commission does conduct an annual regulatory review to ensure that regulated natural gas companies make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

Missouri Gas Energy serves approximately 510,000 natural gas customers in western Missouri.